

used by the Treasury or Post Office Department shall not exceed one-third of the market price of a new vehicle of the same make or class and in any case more than \$500.

Approved, May 15, 1930.

May 16, 1930.

[H. R. 6338.]

[Public, No. 230.]

**CHAP. 290.**—An Act Authorizing the erection of a sanitary fireproof hospital at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Togus, Maine.

Togus, Me.  
Hospital may be  
erected at, Volunteer  
Soldiers Home.  
Buildings, equip-  
ment, etc.  
*Post*, p. 1016.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers be, and it is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be erected at the Eastern Branch of said home at Togus, Maine, on land now owned by the United States, a sanitary fireproof hospital of a capacity for two hundred and fifty beds. Such hospital shall include all the necessary buildings with appropriate mechanical equipment, including roads and trackage facilities leading thereto, for the accommodation of patients, and storage, laundry, and necessary furniture equipment, and accessories, as may be approved by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Contracts author-  
ized, or construction  
by Board of Managers.

**SEC. 2.** That in carrying the foregoing authorization into effect the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for the construction of the plant, or to purchase materials in the open market or otherwise, and to employ laborers and mechanics for the construction of the plant complete at a limit of cost not to exceed \$750,000.

Limit of cost.

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[S. 2400.]

[Public, No. 231.]

**CHAP. 291.**—An Act To regulate, the height, exterior design, and construction of private and semipublic buildings in certain areas of the National Capital.

District of Columbia.  
Declaration as to de-  
velopment of.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in view of the provisions of the Constitution respecting the establishment of the seat of the National Government, the duties it imposed upon Congress in connection therewith, and the solicitude shown and the efforts exerted by President Washington in the planning and development of the Capital City, it is hereby declared that such development should proceed along the lines of good order, good taste, and with due regard to the public interests involved, and a reasonable degree of control should be exercised over the architecture of private or semipublic buildings adjacent to public buildings and grounds of major importance. To this end, hereafter when application is made for permit for the erection or alteration of any building, any portion of which is to front or abut upon the grounds of the Capitol, the grounds of the White House, the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue extending from the Capitol to the White House, Rock Creek Park, the Zoological Park, the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, Potomac Park, The Mall Park System and public buildings adjacent thereto, or abutting upon any street bordering any of said grounds or parks, the plans therefor, so far as they relate to height and appearance, color, and texture of the materials of exterior construction, shall be submitted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to the Commission of Fine Arts; and the said commission shall report promptly to said commissioners its recommendations, including such changes, if any,

Application for per-  
mits for buildings front-  
ing on designated Gov-  
ernment property to be  
submitted by Commis-  
sioners, to Commission  
of Fine Arts.

Report of recommen-  
dations of Commission.

as in its judgment are necessary to prevent reasonably avoidable impairment of the public values belonging to such public building or park; and said commissioners shall take such action as shall, in their judgment, effect reasonable compliance with such recommendation: *Provided*, That if the said Commission of Fine Arts fails to report its approval or disapproval of such plans within thirty days, its approval thereof shall be assumed and a permit may be issued.

SEC. 2. Said Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in consultation with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, as early as practicable after approval of this Act, shall prepare plats defining the areas within which application for building permits shall be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for its recommendations.

Approved, May 16, 1930.

Action of Commissioners.

*Proviso.*

Approval assumed if no report within 30 days and permit may be issued.

Plats defining areas affected to be submitted to Commission of Fine Arts, for recommendations.

**CHAP. 292.**—An Act To authorize the disposal of public land classified as temporarily or permanently unproductive on Federal irrigation projects.

May 16, 1930.

[H. R. 156.]

[Public, No. 232.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior, hereinafter styled the Secretary, is authorized in connection with Federal irrigation projects to dispose of vacant public lands designated under the Act of May 25, 1926, as temporarily unproductive or permanently unproductive to resident farm owners and resident entrymen on Federal irrigation projects, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Irrigation projects. Disposition of vacant public lands, temporarily, etc., unproductive.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary is authorized to sell such lands to resident farm owners or resident entrymen, on the project upon which such land is located, at prices not less than that fixed by independent appraisal approved by the Secretary, and upon such terms and at private sale or at public auction as he may prescribe: *Provided*, That no such resident farm owner or resident entryman shall be permitted to purchase under this Act more than one hundred and sixty acres of such land, or an area which, together with land already owned on such Federal irrigation project, shall exceed three hundred and twenty acres: *And provided further*, That the authority given hereunder shall apply not only to tracts wholly classified as temporarily or permanently unproductive, but also to all tracts of public lands, within Federal irrigation projects which by reason of the inclusion of lands classified as temporarily or permanently unproductive are found by the Secretary to be insufficient to support a family and to pay water charges.

Sale of, to resident farm owners or entrymen.

*Provisos.*

Acreage which may be purchased, limited.

SEC. 3. All "permanently unproductive" and "temporarily unproductive" land now or hereafter designated under the Act of May 25, 1926, shall, when sold, remain subject to sections 41 and 43 of the said Act. The exchange provisions of section 44 of said Act of May 25, 1926, shall not be applicable to the land purchased under this Act.

Provisions hereof to extend over all non-productive, etc., lands within projects.

Sales hereunder subject to rights under Act of 1926.

Vol. 44, pp. 647, 648.

*Ante*, p. 249.

SEC. 4. After the purchaser has paid to the United States all amounts due on the purchase price of said land, a patent shall issue which shall recite that the lands so patented have been classified in whole or in part as temporarily or permanently unproductive, as the case may be, under the Adjustment Act of May 25, 1926. Such patents shall also contain a reservation of a lien for water charges when deemed appropriate by the Secretary and reservations of coal or other mineral rights to the same extent as patents issued under the homestead laws.

Patent to issue upon payment of purchase price.

Reservation of lien for water charges, mineral, etc., rights.